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In late March 1954, refrigerator ships for the USSR, length 50
beam 9 meters, were under construction at the
Boizenburg Elbe shipyard. They were scheduled
to be transferred via the Elbe River and canal to the Baltic
Since difficulties were foreseen because of the expected low
water level in the Elbe River, HV Schiffbau (Shipping Main
Administration) tried to obtain permission from the East
German government to transfer these vessels through the Elbe-
Huebeck Canal.

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